

talked about for years,, moving off of property as your foundation for financing education. If you were to adopt the amendment, if you were, rest assured Senator Johnson and Senator Landis will be more than eager, in my opinion, to begin working out the details. For that reason I urge you to go ahead, dare to tread where we've never tread before, completely changing the financing system for education. Senator Carsten, you can use the other half.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, John. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, what Senator DeCamp has said is very true. The arguments against the drafting of the amendment are, I would agree, also true. That is the reason and the very basic reason that I didn't vote to move it off of General File. Here we are on Select, the second step, one away from Final Reading, to try and draft something that is of extreme benefit to the State of Nebraska. Here we are arguing it on Select File. Be that as it may, that is where we are at. Even though it is not perfect there is no question that there is none of us in this body that is unwilling to sit down and work out the details and to make it a palatable, workable answer to the financing of education. I still contend that it is the root of a lot of our school merging problems. Once we get that satisfied, as has been said, then the remainder will come much more readily and understandably. I would urge you to adopt this amendment. We will work toward that end properly if indeed it is not properly worded at the moment. We can do that. I'm certainly willing to cooperate, as I'm sure everybody concerned with it is, to do just that. I urge you to adopt the amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. That closes the debate on the DeCamp-Carsten's amendment. You will now vote either to approve or disapprove the measure. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Please record your vote on the DeCamp-Carsten amendment to LB 662. One member is excused at the present time. Please record your vote on the adoption of the amendment. Chair will allow 15 seconds for the recording of your vote. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a request for a record vote. (Read record vote found on pages 1022-23 of the Legislative